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WASHINGTON, June 16 (UP) Four months after he walked to freedom across a Berjin bridge, torner U2 pilot Frances Gary Powers remains an obscure fig. rowers remains an obscure fig. The CIA gave Powers full exonure around Washington plimps evation for his conduct during his ed occasionally, talked of more fight and at his Soviet trial. It frequently, but always avoiding tound he had "lived up to the terms of his employment and in the public spotlight.

The 32-year-old pilot whose unsuccessful 1960 espionage flight over Russia toppled a summin meeting, has been living quietly in an apartment in suburban Alexandria, Va., generally unnoticed by most of his neighbors.

He is working for the Central Intelligence Agency at duties to the total flown.

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HE IS REPORTED writing a book on his flight, which ended deep inside Russia, his trial and the did not know the answer. 21 months in a Soviet prison, and his eventual exchange for convicted Soviet and felt and was when he "heard and felt" an victed Soviet spy Rudolph Abel.

With a few exceptions Powers has gone quietly about his busi-ness without publicity since his appearance before a Congressional committee.

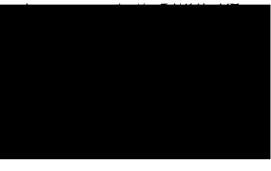
Powers said that one exception was when he visited Pope's Creek near the little town of La Plata, Md., he was discovered and people lined up to get his autograph.

Another exception was in late April when his wife Barbara was taken to Georgetown University Hospital here with an acute stomach ailment which the hospital diagnosed as a "medication reaction." Police said she had taken an overdose of sleeping pills.

CIA Director McCone, has been attempting to have the agency show up somewhat less in the press than did his predecessor, Allen Dulles.

All the CIA will say about Powers is that "he works for us."

This attitude undoubtedly stems atto from the fact that though the general story is known, there still are quite a number of undisclosed aspects of the U2 flight.



Soviet Premier Khrushhcev told apparently do not include flying. the Russian people it was done with "a remarkable rocket.

explosion and saw an orange

Then his plane was falling in a spin, and after a struggle against the forces of gravity, he bailed out without beinng able to start the mechanism which would have destroyed the plane after he left it. he testified.